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SUBJECT:HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA: IFI AND EXIM CREDITS

1. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHAT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE USG
ACTIONS IN LIGHT OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA,
AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE STATUS OF SUCH CONSIDERA-
TIONS IN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

2. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW HOW THE
FRENCH INTEND TO REACT, IF AT ALL, SHOULD HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS CONTINUE, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INTER-
NATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO
KNOW WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY INTEREST IN LIMITS ON, OR
TEMPORARY CESSATION OF GOVERNMENT-FINANCED EXPORT
CREDITS.

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3. FYI: USG IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF
DENYING EX-IM FINANCING FOR ARGENTINA, BUT BECAUSE THIS
WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE VERY EFFECTIVE WITHOUT A SIMILAR
EFFORT BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL, WE WOULD LIKE TO
ASSESS PLANS OF OTHERS BEFORE MAKING A DECISION. INSO-
FAR AS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE CON-

CERNED, WE ENVISAGE OPPOSITION TO FORTHCOMING LOANS

FOR ARGENTINA AS PART OF OUR OVERALL POLICY OF USING
OUR VOICE AND OUR VOTE IN THE IFI'S TO SUPPORT IMPROVE-
MENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS' PERFORMANCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
END FYI.

4. YOU SHOULD EXPLORE, AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE
LEVEL IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, FRENCH ATTITUDES ON
THESE ISSUES. IN DOING SO YOU CAN INFORM THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. HAS MADE REPEATED DEMARCHES
TO THE GOA CONCERNING THE GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUA-
TION, WITH THE MATTER HAVING BEEN RAISED BY THE PRESI-
DENT, THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR STATE AND DEFENSE
REPRESENTATIVES. MOST RECENTLY UNDER SECRETARY FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS DAVID D. NEWSOM VISITED ARGENTINA
TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA AND
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RULING GROUP.

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